

## The Caledonian Mercury.

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**I**T is the Ambition of Some, to appear superior to all the Assaults of *BEAUTY*; and to convince the World of their stupid Indifference towards the *Fair Sex*, under a Shadow of Reason and Argument, they publickly cry out against it. But there's generally a low, spiritless, commonplace way of Reasoning in th' Discourses of these *Satyrists*, which proves that Malice and Ignorance are the Cause of their ill Nature. *Virtue, Modesty and Beauty* are the Foundation of a Woman's Claim to *Love and Respect*. When these Qualities are tainted, then Indifference, or even Dislike, is justifiable; but this only in regard to *Particulars*, and there's no Reason the Sex in general should suffer for it.

Let us examine the Sentiments of *Antiquity*, with the Compliments and Affronts the *LADIES* have received from the old *Philosophers*. *Diogenes* was a Person of the strictest Severity, despising all Pleasures, but such as he enjoyed in the Pride of condemning every thing; yet his *Vanity*, and the Arguments for it, were ruin'd by the Magick of a *Lady's Looks*. He softened at the Sight of *Thais*, and dress'd in all the Poppery of Youth to make himself agreeable; yea, he was so much a Slave to this Prostitute, that nothing but her immodest Tongue did set him free. But the Impudence of her, made him vent Spleen at the whole Sex; and so absurdly prejudic'd he was, that he publickly owned himself ashamed of having been mov'd with *Beauty*, calling *Love an Error of the Mind*. *Plato* was passionately fond of a young Lady at *Athens*, and ridicul'd for it by all the *Philosophers*. To justify his Passion, he applied to study the Nature of *Beauty and Love*, and left us thus an Account of it: He supposes the Soul an harmonious System, having a strong Desire to unite itself to Objects distinguish'd for *Beauty or Order*. By this *Desire* of the Soul he means the Passion of *Love*; and as he thinks this *Desire* necessarily attends the Perception of *Beauty*, he properly infers, *That Love is both a natural and rational Passion*. *Shakespear* had a similar Idea of the Soul: He was sensible of the Charms and Force of *Musick*, and accounted for the Pleasures of it from no other Prin-

ciple but the *Nature of the Soul*. He says a Man who cannot love *Musick* has a savage Soul, fit only for Treasons, Villainies, Spoils, &c. The same we affirm of such as are insensible of the Charms of *Beauty*.

In *Aristotle's* Time it was disputed, whether *Women* were fit to govern a Nation? He undertook the *Female Cause*, opposing all the Wits of *Greece*. He argued from the Original of Government, proving all Superiority was primarily founded in *Beauty*; whether from *Experience or Reason*, is not material. This Opinion of *Aristotle* is much strengthened by two of *Plato's* Notions: He supposes if *Wisdom* could appear in a visible Form, all the World would fall in Love with her *Beauty*. Again, he declared it impossible the Poetess *Sappho* should not be exceeding beautiful, seeing she had so much *Wit*.

*Beauty* (says a modern *Philosopher*) results from exact Proportions of fine Features, such as suppose a peculiar *Tendresse* in the Organs: Therefore the Impression they receive from sensible Objects must be more affecting. All *Ideas* proceed from *Sensation*; consequently, the more affecting the *Sensation* is, the more lively is the *Idea*. Hence it will follow that *Women* far exceed us in *Fancy and Imagination*. Wherefore *Aristotle* might well presume, from the *Beauty* of their Sex, that *Women* do not want Capacity to govern a People.

*Cato* pass'd the most severe Sentence on the *Ladies* when he supposes, that Men would live Gods in the World if the whole Race of *Women* was extinct. But this is a gross Compliment to his own Way of Life. He abstracted from *Female Conversation*, and commenced the most savage, rustic, and intractable Wretch ever liv'd; so if *Cato* had his Wish, he is himself an Instance what Monsters we would be. All the Politeness which brightens and refines the Behaviour of Men, is chiefly owing to their natural *Desire* to please the *Women*; if that were entirely destroyed, *Good Breeding, Dress, Poetry*, with a thousand other Refinements would be quite lost.

Let us dismiss the *Sages of Antiquity*, to consider the Objections of modern *Criticks*. One of them

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smartly remarks, That 'tis plain, from the tender Constitution of *Women*, they never were design'd for the severer Parts of Study; therefore infers *Learning* to be the Property of *Men* only. Their Constitution is indeed not able to bear the Fatigue of so long and close Application; yet our Adversaries must confess, this Defect is abundantly supplied by their *Vivacity* and *Readiness of Mind*.

The most frightful Charge of all is, That *Women* ruin our Pursuits after *Knowledge*, seeing 'tis impossible to arrive at Perfection in *Philosophy*, while their Conversation delights us. If this Objection stand, it will be a strong Argument against the *Vanity* of *Philosophy*. *Women* were design'd for our Society by *Nature*, and to fulfil the Purposes of *Nature* is our Duty: But if *Philosophy* be our Duty likewise, then this Absurdity must follow, That one Part of our Duty may be inconsistent with another!

There is one Objection more, viz. That *Women* create the trifling Species of Poets. I readily agree that *Women* have occasioned much good and bad Poetry. The *Soul* is a kind of Musical Instrument; *Beauty* plays upon it, and awakens Poetry, which is the *Musick* of the *Soul*. As *Beauty* necessarily does strike the *Soul*, if it has any *Musick* in it, the Sound will break forth. *Beauty* inspires the Writer with such a Spirit, that as *Waller* says, tho' he only catch at *Daphnis*, he fills his Arms with *Bays*. *Love* and *Beauty* give Strength and Life to Poetry. In short, the Enemies of the Fair Sex are like *Diomedes*, who wounded *Venus* the Queen of *Beauty*; Men of great and earthly Sentiments, unfit for any other Scene of Life than that of a barbarous and noisy Camp.

*Wye's Letter Verbatim, London, April 11.*

Since our last arrived a Mail from *Flanders*.

**W**E are told seven Men of War and twelve Transports are ordered to be got ready to sail for the Mediterranean, and that Col. Cosby's Regiment of Royal Irish Fusileers at Portmahon, and Col. Clayton's Regiment, and another at Gibraltar, are ordered for Italy, to join the Spanish Forces upon the Expedition with Don Carlos, and that the English will be commanded by the said Col. Clayton. On the other Hand, the Emperor is fixed in his Resolution to oppose it, let the Issue be what it will: So great are his Repentments, that rather than comply with the kind Offers that have been made him for an Accommodation, will enter upon a War; wherein, according to the Sentiments of most People of Penetration here, he can-

not have any Grounds to hope for Success. But yet this War when once begun, which his Majesty and his Allies have not been wanting, as far as was consistent with their Engagements to prevent, may become more general and lasting, than perhaps can be at present imagined.

Our Seamen never had such Encouragement given them, nor the Navy better taken Care of: Above 120,000 L. is granted for extraordinary Repairs thereof for this Year. Several young Lords and Gentlemen we hear design to serve as Volunteers in the Expedition with Don Carlos.

Yesterday the Reverend Dr. Stanley held his Annual Visitation at Christ's Church in Newgate Street, and the Reverend Dr. Kilburn preached a Sermon suitable to that Occasion.

To Day was published the Bishop of London's Pastoral Letter to the People of his Diocese, particularly to those of the great Cities of London and Westminster, occasioned by some late Writings, in which 'tis asserted, that *Reason* is a sufficient Guide in Matters of Religion, without the Help of *Revelation*. And we hear that a second Edition of the said Letter, which is judged to be very seasonable, learned and judicious, and much bought up by the Clergy and others, is already ordered to be published.

Last Night Col. Chartres was discharged out of Newgate, having obtained his Majesty's Pardon, and given in Bail, in order to plead the said Pardon next Sessions. 'Tis believed the Col. is pretty safe from an Appeal being lodged against him by Anne Bond.

The same Night Hugh Norton received Sentence of Death at the Old Bailey, for robbing the Bristol Mail: He had nothing to say in his Defence but what was weak and trifling.

The Lord Chief Baron Pengelly, who was taken very ill of a Fever at Exeter, is very well recovered, and expected every Day in Town.

Mr. Vincent, Treasurer to the charitable Corporation, for Relief of poor Widows of Clergymen, received this Week 84 L. from an unknown Hand, to be applied to this laudable Charity.

Yesterday the Lords only heard Part of a Scots Cause: And to Day read the Malt Bill the second Time; as also that for exporting Salt from Europe into the Colony of New York in America.

The Right Honourable the Earl of London, Lord High Commissioner to the Church of Scotland, set out

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out this Morning for Edinburgh, in order to open that Assembly.

Col. Chartris is gone to Rowhampton in Surry, for the Benefit of the Air. 'Tis talk'd that when the Report was made Yesterday to the King in Council, touching his Case, a certain great Lord said, That a Seizure had been made of the Colonel's Effects by some Persons, that was neither legal nor justifiable.

The Preparations for the Reception of the King of Prussia are such, that upon his Majesty's Arrival here, the Court will appear with great Lustre.

To Day died Thomas Stanhope Esq; Brother to the Lord Harrington.

The next Mail from Holland, is impatiently longed for.

'Tis assur'd that there will soon be a general Act of Indemnity.

*From the Evening Post, April 11.*

*Venice, April 1.* Letters from Constantinople of the 17th Feb. confirm the great Progress of Prince Thomas's Army, since the 3 Victories he obtained over the Usurper's Troops; having not only got Ispahan, but several other important Cities: And it was not doubted he would soon be in peaceable Possession, if, as these Letters add, Sultan Esref's Death hold good.

*Vienna, April 5.* Several General Officers are on the Point of setting out for Italy; particularly Prince Wensel of Lichtenstein went two Days ago to see himself at the Head of his Troops here. Since last Post arrived four Expresses from Rome, Naples, Paris and Constantinople; whereupon 'tis currently reported, That certain Powers have thought upon a new Congress for deciding the Differences still subsisting among them. The Contents of the last Dispatches from Spain are by no Means agreeable here, the King of Spain remaining inflexible upon the Article of the Execution of the Treaty of Seville, in what concerns the Introduction of his Son Don Carlos into Italy with Spanish Troops: Wherefore Orders are sent to hasten the March of the Detachment that is now upon the Route for that Country.

*Genoa, March 25.* They write from Turin, that on the 19th Inst. the Princess of Piedmont was brought to Bed of a Daughter.

*Florence, March 21.* Mr. Coleman, the English Resident, is gone to Leghorn, to confer with the Earl of Kinnoul, who is going Ambassador to Constantinople.

*Naples, March 21.* The Royal Chamber have hired 24 Tartanes, which are to sail under Convoy of the St. Leopold Man of War, and bring over from France 4000 Recruits for the Imperial Regiments in Italy.

*Vienna, April 1.* The Turkish Consul here has had an Audience of Prince Eugene, to communicate to him the Contents of some Dispatches he had received by Express from Constantinople. Some Proposals made to the Ottoman to obtain Powers which shall be named. Troops who had made Motions in the neighbourhood of Buda and Widdin, are returned into their Quarters.

*Hanover, April 7.* The Differences between their Britannick and Prussian Majesties being terminated, we have put a Stop to all our military Preparations, and the Subjects on both Sides will be exchanged out of hand. However, on Saturday our principal Jockeys were sent for to the War-office, and ordered to get 1200 Artillery Horses ready by such a Time; but where they are to be employed, we know not.

*Hague, April 14.* The Court of France has ordered the Treasurer of the Navy to issue the necessary Sums for the Equipment of the Men of War and Gallies. And they talk of forming an Army of 70,000 Men near Luxemburg. *Sure this does not favour of Peace!*

Two Turkish Princes are arrived here, and have had an Audience with the Principal Members of this Republick. After a short stay, they will go over to England.

*Leghorn, March 25.* They write from Genoa, that the Emperor had demanded 30,000 Piasters of that State by way of Contribution, with Assurances that the Republick will not suffer the Spaniards to land in their Territories; otherwise his Imperial Majesty will be obliged to send his Troops to guard their Coasts.

*Rome, March 25.* Cardinal Ruso arrived here on Tuesday last, and went immediately to pay a Visit to the Chevalier de St. George, the Princess his Consort, and to the Princess Seriano; and then went into the Conclave. The Emperor has taken Cardinal Coscia under his Protection.

*London, April 11.* On Thursday Evening a new married Couple of this City, returning with their Friends in Coaches from Edmonton, where they had kept their Wedding-dinner, were attack'd be-

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## ADVERTISEMENT S.

## By ADJOURNMENT:

The Lands of BORTHWICK MAINS, lying 3 Miles South from Edinburgh, holding of the Crown, paying one Thousand Merks of yearly Rent, besides 40 Carriages to Edinburgh or Leith, and 3 Dozen Poultry, will be exposed to SALE by voluntary Roup, on Thursday the Thirtieth Day of April Inst. in Muirhead's Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, betwixt the Hours of 3 & 5 in the Afternoon. The Progress of Writs and Conditions of Roup, are to be seen in the Hands of William Veitch at his Writing-chamber at the Head of Don's-cloze, Edinburgh.

¶ These are to give Notice, That at CAVERS in Teviotdale, about Five Miles West of Jedburgh, there is a Fine ARABIAN HORSE, the best STALLION that ever was known in Scotland: Where any Mare may be served at a Guinea the Leap, and Half-a-crown to the Keeper.

¶ Whereas the Reparation of the Harbour and Pier of St. ANDREW's was begun on the first Week of March last, and is now going on, at a very great Charge and Expence, These are therefore to advertise all the Ministers of the Gospel in Scotland who have not as yet returned their Briefs, with the Collection made thereupon, that they may transmit the same to Edinburgh by their Members to the ensuing General Assembly, to be by them severally paid in to the the Right Honourable PATRICK LINDESAY, Esq; Lord Provost of Edinburgh, who is empowered to receive all the Money that is collected in North Britain for that charitable Use, by a Commission from the Honourable the Trustees appointed by His Majesty's Royal Letters- Patents to see that good Work executed, and the Money collected on that Account, honestly and justly applied for the useful Purposes therein set forth.

¶ There is a Farm called LETHEM, a Mile west Haddington; consisting of a large vaulted Kitchen and two vaulted Cellars, all in the Ground Stories, and a handsome Dining-room, Drawing-room, Bed-chamber, and two large Closets, in the next Storey, with three Bed-chambers and two Closets in the upper Storey, and a Fire-room in the Top of the Stair, and Garrets above all, divided with Timber Partitions; as also a little House in the Close, fit for a Nursery and Laundry; a Brew-house, Oven, Stable, Byer, and Coalhouse, two Orchards of two Acres, and an Inclosure of six Acres of Ground, fit for Grass or Corn: Are to be Settle by the Trustees for the Creditors of Mr. Thomas Menzies of Lethem, at the present Rent, 300 Merks yearly. Enquire at JAMES HALIBURTON Writer to the Signet, at his Chamber in the Luckenbooths, or at JAMES ROBERTSON Merchant, at his Shop in Lawn-market.

¶ There is a Parcel of good fresh LIMONS, and true SEVILLE ORANGES, to be sold (from Sixpence to One Shilling the Dozen) at ARCHIBALD SHELLS's Warehouse in Leith, the first Loft above the Weigh house; and at his Shop at the Hand and Orange near the Cross, South side of the Street, Edinburgh. Where you may be served with all Sorts of Baking-Apples, Suggars of all Sorts, good fresh Chestnuts, Walnuts and China Oranges, Orange-Wine, Raisins, &c. and generally all Kinds of Grocery-Ware, at reasonable Rates.

tween Newington and Kingsland, by two Highwaymen, who robbed them of Watches, Jewels, Rings, and Money to a great Value.

Col. Chartris is bailed, the Earl of Weems and James Bruce, Esq; being his Sureties.

We hear the Colonel has sent for his Grandson Francis Chartris Weems, 2d Son to the Earl of Weems, from Scotland, in order to send him to one of the Universities for the Improvement of his Education.

About 8 o'Clock the Colonel was carried in his Chair from Newgate to his Lady's Lodgings in Warwick-Lane; and in about 6 Weeks he sets out with his Lady for Aix-la Chapelle.

The following Promotions are talk'd of: The Lord Harrington and the Rt. Hon. Henry Pelham, Esq; to be his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State. His Grace the Duke of Newcastle, Lord Steward of his Household. His Grace the Duke of Dorset, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. And George Dodington, Esq; Secretary at War.

S. S. Stock, 102, 3 8ths.

Edinburgh, April 1. There are Letters in Town, giving Account that the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen has gain'd his Appeal against the Creditors-Arresters of Merchiston; and that his Lordship is now on the Road coming down.

Tomorrow (the 11th of the Moon) 'tis High Water at Leith at 10 o'Clock, 18 Minutes. Saturday, at 11, 6 Min. On Monday, at 12, 42 Min.

From a private Letter, London, April 11.

The Commons have resolved, That it be an Instruction to the Committee to whom the Bill to enable the Court of Session of Scotland to Adjourn themselves is committed, That they have Power to receive a Clause for altering a Clause in the 10th Section of the Act of the 11th Year of his late Majesty's Reign, for *Disarming the Highlands of Scotland, &c.* which relates to the limiting of the Time for Execution of Sentences or Judgments.

The Salt Bill is read a 2d time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Sum of One hundred and twenty thousand six hundred and eighteen Pound, is granted for the extraordinary Expence of the Navy for this Year. And the Sum of 10,000 l. for the British Forts and Settlements in Africa, belonging to the Royal African Company.

The Earl of Aberdeen has won his Appeal 'gainst Alison Calendar and Others.

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